tax so imposed and charged on the above said property from a particular date by the M.C.D. etc?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority has reported that award for acquiring about one acre of land between Avantika and Village Mangolpur bearing Khasra No. 162, 163 and 368/2 was announced in 1977. However, the possession of the land has not so far been given to it as it consists of built up area.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Bureau of Salt Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur

2782. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists and other staff of the National Bureau of Salt Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur, have levelled some charges of discrimination against their Director;

(b) if so, whether Government have instituted any enquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and what action Government propost to take against the said Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

2783. [*Transferred to the 6th September*, 1990].

Increase in the prices of essential commodities

2784. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that despite Government's efforts, the prices of essential commodities are continuing to rise upward;

(b) whether it is a fact that official wholesale price index for all commodities (Base 1981-82) increased during the week ended August 14th, 1990;

(c) the details of the increase in price index during the last three weeks, week-wise; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to check the rising trend in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) There are a number of reasons for continuance of price rise including in case of some of the essential commodities. The main reasons for price rise are sharp increase in money supply during 1989-90 and earlier years, rising consumer demand and demand and supply gap (e.g. in case of essential items like pulses and edible oils). Besides, seasonal factors, increase in procurement and issue prices of some of the agricultural commodities, rise in transport cost in the wake of hike in administered prices of petrol and diesl, and increase in railway freights have contributed to inflationary trends and rise in prices.